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**06/22/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3351-FN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by The Compliance Team for Continued CMS Approval of Its Rural Health Clinic Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Rural Health Clinic.

**CMS-3351-FN**

CMS-3358-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. (AAAASF) for Continued Approval of its Ambulatory Surgical Center Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

**CMS-3358-PN**

CMS-7050-N2 entitled "Medicare & Medicaid Programs, and Other Program Initiatives, and Priorities; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), June 20, 2018" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

**CMS-7050-N2**

**06/20/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1694-CN entitled "Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2019 Rates: Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1694-CN**

**06/08/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-4182-CN2 entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Program; Contract Year 2019 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage, Medicare Cost Plan, Medicare Fee-for-Service, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs, and the PACE Program; Correction" was published. This regulation affects All Providers and Medicare Advantage.

**CMS-4182-CN2**

**06/08/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5524-F2 entitled "Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model; Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances" was published. This regulation affects Supplier.

**CMS-5524-F2**

**06/05/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6080-N entitled "Update to the Required Prior Authorization List of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Items That Require Prior Authorization as a Condition of Payment" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS).

**CMS-6080-N**

**06/01/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-7050-N entitled "Medicare & Medicaid Programs, and Other Program Initiatives, and Priorities; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), June 20, 2018" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

**CMS-7050-N**

**05/25/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3354-N entitled "Announcement of the Re-Approval of the Joint Commission as an Accreditation Organization Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988" was published. This regulation affects Others.

**CMS-3354-N**

**05/11/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1687-ICF entitled "Medicare Program; Durable Medical Equipment Fee Schedule Adjustments to Resume the Transitional 50/50 Blended Rates To Provide Relief in Rural Areas and Non-Contiguous Areas" was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

**CMS-1687-ICF**

CMS-9930-F entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2019; Correction" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**CMS-9930-F**

CMS-3361-N entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--July 25, 2018" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notifications.

**CMS-3361-N**

**05/08/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1692-P entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2019 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements" was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

**CMS-1692-P**

CMS-1690-P entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2019 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System and Quality Reporting Updates for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018 (FY 2019)" was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

**CMS-1690-P**

CMS-1696-P entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Proposed Rule for FY 2019, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, and SNF Quality Reporting Program" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**CMS-1696-P**

CMS-1688-P entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2019" was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

**CMS-1688-P**

**05/07/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1694-P entitled "Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2019 Rates" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-1694-P**

**05/04/2018**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 2055 entitled "Update to the Hospital Transfer Policy for Early Discharges to Hospice Care" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Hospice.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 2055**

Transmittal 4026 entitled “Revisions to the Telehealth Billing Requirements for Distant Site Services” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Hospice, Ambulance, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation facilities, Community Mental Health Centers and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 4026**

Transmittal 4040 entitled “Revision to the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Pricer to Support Value-Based Purchasing (VBP)” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 4040**

**05/03/2018**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 786PI entitled “Reimbursing Providers and Health Information Handlers (HIHs) for Additional Documentation” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 786**

**04/26/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1677-N entitled “Medicare Program; Extension of the Payment Adjustment for Low-Volume Hospitals and the Medicare-Dependent Hospital (MDH) Program Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) for Acute Care Hospitals for Fiscal Year 2018” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1677-N**

**04/17/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3357-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Program; Application From DNV GL--Healthcare (DNV GL) for Continued Approval of Its Hospital Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-3357-PN**

CMS-9930-F entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2019” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-9930-F**

**04/11/2018**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3353-N entitled “Medicare Program; Reconciling National Coverage Determinations on Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Neuroimaging for Dementia” was published. This regulation affects Others.

**CMS-3353-N**

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